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SUBJ: ATTEMPTS TO UNIFY ZIMBABWE POLITICAL FACTIONS IN DISARAY

SUMMARY: DAILY MAIL AND TIMES OF ZAMBIA FOR SEPT. 7  
HEADLINE FAILURE OF "FRONT LINE" PRESIDENTS IN DAR ES  
SALAAM TO UNIFY ZIMBABWEAN POLITICAL FACTIONS. ACCOUNTS  
ARE BASED ON REPORTS FROM CORRESPONDENTS IN DAR  
AND PORTRAY LEADERS OF ANC/ZAPU AND OF THIRD FORCE RIGIDLY  
RESISTENT TO AMALGAMATING THEIR INTERESTS INTO ONE  
ORGANIZATION. ANC/ZANU LEADER MUZOREWA IS REPORTED AS  
BEING MORE FLEXIBLE ON FUSING HIS INTERESTS WITH THOSE  
OF OTHER ZIMBABWE NATIONALIST LEADERS. ARTICLES HINT  
THAT "FRONT LINE" PRESIDENTS ARE MOVING AWAY FROM  
FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO UNIFY VARIOUS FACTION AND BACK TO  
RECOGNITION OF ZANU AND ZAPU AS TWO POLITICAL REALITIES.  
PRESIDENTS ALSO REPORTEDLY HAVE DECIDED THAT FROM NOW ON  
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THEY WILL CALL FOR REPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION

MOVEMENTS (ANC LED BY OLIVER TAMBO AND PAC LED BY PATIAKO LIBALO). END SUMMARY.

1. BOTH DAILY MAIL AND TIMES OF ZAMBIA PORTRAY EFFORTS BY "FRONT LINE" PRESIDENTS TO BRING UNITY TO ZIMBABWEAN RIVAL POLITICAL FACTIONS AS BEING IN DISARRAY. DAILY MAIL REPORTS THAT JOSHUA NKOMO (ZAPU) HAS REJECTED UNITY PROPOSALS. NKOMO INSISTED THAT UNITY MUST BE ACHIEVED WITHIN ZIMBABWE. HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING AFTER HIS MEETING WITH FIVE PRESIDENTS, "I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO QUESTION OF DISCUSSING UNITY AMONGST US BECAUSE THE OTHER GROUPS WERE STILL OPERATING OUTSIDE ZIMBABWE; THEREFORE THEY WERE NOT REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF ZIMBABWEANS. I HAVE TOLD THEM THAT IF THEY WANTED UNITY THEY SHOULD COME HOME AND DISCUSS THE MATTER IN THE HOME ATMOSPHERE." NKOMO REPORTEDLY REJECTED THE ARGUMENT THAT ZANU AND ZIPA LEADERS COULD NOT RETURN TO ZIMBABWE TO CONTEST WHO SHOULD REPRESENT THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE ARRESTED. "A TRUE LEADER WORTH HIS SALT, HE SAID, SHOULD NOT FEAR TO BE DETAINED."

2. MUZOREWA, AFTER HIS MEETING WITH "FRONT LINE" PRESIDENTS IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE NEED UNITY FOR OUR SURVIVAL; ANYBODY WHO DOES NOT WANT UNITY IS THE ENEMY OF ZIMBABWEANS." DAILY MAIL REPORTS THAT IT IS BELIEVED THAT MUZOREWA INSISTED IN HIS TALKS WITH FIVE PRESIDENTS THAT UNITY BE BASED ON THE 1974 ANC UNITY AGREEMENT, WHICH PLACED HIM AT THE HEAD OF THE ANC. HOWEVER, PAPER SUGGESTS THAT MUZOREWA HAD SHOWN SOME FLEXIBILITY IN THAT HE WOULD AGREE TO HIS GROUP BEING SWALLOWED UP BY A LARGER GROUP IN THE INTEREST OF UNITY. THE LARGER GROUP WAS NOT IDENTIFIED.

3. THIRD FORCE LEADER MUGABE, SPEAKING FOR ZIPA/ZANU, IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE WAS READY TO UNITE ON THE BATTLEFIELD BUT NOT IN FOREIGN CAPITALS. TALK ABOUT POLITICAL UNITY WAS IRRELEVANT. UNITY HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN 1974 THROUGH THE AGREEMENT TO FORM THE ANC, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY HAS BEEN REJECTED BY SOME ELEMENTS WHICH HAVE REFUSED TO HONOR THE AGREEMENT. MUGABE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARMY (ZIPA) WHOSE HIGH COMMAND, HE SAID, IS DOMINATED BY ZANU.

4. A FOURTH GROUP LED BY REX NHONGO AND IDENTIFYING ITSELF ALSO AS REPRESENTING ZIPA MET WITH FIVE PRESIDENTS AS WELL. PRESS ACCOUNTS SAY THIS GROUP IS COMPOSED OF ZANU CADRE ONLY, AND THAT IF ATTEMPTS TO UNIFY THE RIVAL FACTIONS FAIL, IT WILL THROW ITS WEIGHT BEHIND MUGABE.

5. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT "FRONT LINE" PRESIDENTS HAVE DECIDED THAT HENCEFORTH THEY WOULD BE CALLING FOR REPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS OLIVER TAMBO REPRESENTING THE ANC AND MR. PATLAKE LIBALO OF THE PAC WERE REPORTED AS ATTENDING THE DAR ES SALAAM SUMMIT.

6. PRESS ACCOUNTS SPECULATE THAT, FACED WITH FAILURE TO UNIFY RIVAL ZIMBABWEAN FACTIONS, "FRONT LINE" PRESIDENTS MAY BE MOVING TOWARDS RETURNING RECOGNITION OF ZANU AND ZAPU AS SEPARATE POLITICAL ENTITIES CONCERNED WITH THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF ZIMBABWE. LOW

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